

[SAMPLE FORM]

POWER OF ATTORNEY RESOLUTION

Know all men by these Presents, that the NOVA CASUALTY COMPANY, a corporation of the State of New York, having its principal offices in the City of Buffalo, New York does make, constitute and appoint

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf, as surety, and as its act and deed, any and all bonds, undertakings and contracts of suretyship, provided that no bond or undertaking or contract of suretyship executed under this authority shall exceed in amount the sum of

*** NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000***

This Power of Attorney is granted and is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by

the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of NOVA CASUALTY COMPANY at a meeting duly called and held on the 18th day of October 1993;

“RESOLVED, that the President and Vice President, the Secretary or Treasurer, acting individually or otherwise, be and they hereby are granted the power, and authorization to appoint by a Power of Attorney for the purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings, and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, one or more resident vice-presidents, assistant secretaries and attorney(s) in fact, each appointee to have the powers and duties usual to such offices to the business of this company: the signature of such officers and seal of the Company may be affixed to any such power of attorney or to any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such power of attorney or certificate barring such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by facsimile signatures and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking or other writing obligatory in the nature thereof to which it is attached. Any such appointment may be revoked, for cause, or without cause, by any of said officers, at any time.

In Witness Whereof, the NOVA CASUALTY COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its officer undersigned and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed duly attested by its Secretary, this 21st day of October, 1993.”

Attest:

NOVA CASUALTY COMPANY

By _____

President